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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the prior art listed hereinbelow, copy enclosed, which prior art was cited in the International Search Report.

- (1) "REACT" Helleberg Safety AB, Lerum, Printed 1996-12-09;
This article discloses an arrangement in hearing protection in a form of an acoustic headset, comprising a radio unit and a microphone that transmits ambient sound to the loudspeakers in the auditory cups.

- (2) DE 297 08 128 U1 (WÖSTE, LUDGER), 25 Sept 1997
(25.09.97), The buttons are disposed in separate depressions. The arrangement is for blind persons.
- (3) UK Patent No. 2,226,931, entitled PORTABLE RADIO/TRANSMITTER, by Derek Ronald Jackson, published July 11, 1990. This patent discloses a portable radio transmitter and receiver construction which is arranged for being carried entirely on the head of a user, the radio 1 comprises an adjustable headband 2 which supports two earpieces, in which a first earpiece 3 includes a battery compartment, a power lead from said compartment extending along the headband to the second earpiece 4, the second earpiece comprises a frequency modulation transmitter/receiver radio, an earphone and a microphone, an on/off and a volume control switch, with an aerial lead for said radio being located along the length of the headband 2. This gives a compact radio construction which, if necessary, can be worn beneath a protective safety helmet.
- (4) Canadian Patent No. 2,180,036, entitled COMBINATION EARMUFF RADIO HEADSET (ORIGINAL RADIO EARMUFFS), By

Joanne Verbon, published January 4, 1997. This patent discloses a combination radio headset-earmuff having two earbud type speakers connected by an adjustable headband. Radio electronics are contained within the left earmuff and a power supply and on-off switch are contained within the right earmuff. The present invention allows the wearer to keep the ears warm while listening to the radio headphone. Large, flat, textured controls allows the user to adjust the radio even while wearing gloves. The areas where the control shafts protrude through the outer most layer of the earmuff are sealed in a water tight manner.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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